



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Mockel *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1652

Appln. No.: 09/834,722

Examiner: R. Hutson

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Title: Novel Nucleotide Sequences Encoding the Gpm Gene

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AMENDMENT "B" AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated April 22, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and 35 U.S.C. §102(b). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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